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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application entitled:

A METHOD FOR FABRICATING, MODIFYING OR REPAIRING OF SINGLE CRYSTAL
OR DIRECTIONALLY SOLIDIFIED ARTICLES

by the following named inventor(s):

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- ☒ Applicant(s) suggests Figure 4b for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- ☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:
ALSTOM Technology Ltd, Baden, Switzerland

☐ Small entity status is claimed.

Also enclosed are:

DRAWINGS: 3 sheets of formal drawings sheets of informal drawings

DECLARATION: ☒ will follow ☐ executed, is enclosed ☐ unexecuted, is enclosed

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☒ certified copy(ies) enclosed☐ certified copy(ies) will follow**OTHER PAPERS:** ☒ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees☒ an Information Disclosure Statement☒ an Application Data Sheet (ADS)☒ Preliminary Amendment☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☒ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee (1001)					\$ 770.00
Total Claims	15	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					\$ 770.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ 0.00
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed.					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$ 770.00

☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

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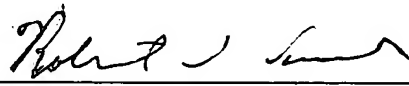
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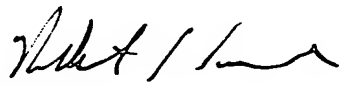
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